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TRINKLE CALLS SPECIAL SESSION Five Vacancies In Senate, One In House to Be Filled

Special Election Will Be Held At Session On February 28--At Extraordinary Session On February 20, Road Question Will Arise, Also Redistricting Error Will Be Corrected.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 23.—A call for a special session of the state legislature to meet Wednesday, February 28th and for special elections to fill five vacancies in the Senate and one vacancy in the House to be held on Tuesday, February 20, was issued today by Governor Trinkle. The extraordinary session of the legislature will be asked to consider in the words of the governor:

"First the question of providing funds for the highway department to take care of its immediate and reasonable needs.

"Second for correcting the error at the last session of the General Assembly in connection with the redistricting of the state.

"Third, to consider any matter that may come up relative to the enlargement of our new office building now under construction."

The governor said he would recommend to the legislature that it provide only temporary funds for the needs of the highway department and that the question of bonds or any method of financing our future highway division be referred to the people at the general elections in the fall of 1923.

Mr. Trinkle declared that an investigation had shown "such a close division" among the people on the question of a road issue based on a gasoline tax that he felt it would be wise to settle this "matter of vital importance" without the people having an opportunity to make known their wishes.

The governor at the last session of the legislature advocated the bond issue without referring it to the people.

Fifteen Injured In Train Wreck Near Lucama, N. C.

Four Sleepers and Engine of Jacksonville - New York Train Leave Rails--That Wreck Was Not Serious Is Miraculous.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
ROCKY MOUNT, N. C., Dec. 23.—Fifteen passengers were injured today when eight cars, including four sleepers and the engine of the Atlantic Coastline train No. 82, were derailed near Lucama, N. C. of the injured, Mrs. E. L. Glass, of Laurel, Miss., whose back was hurt and Mamie Riddle, negro, of Hartford, N. C., who suffered nervous shock, were brought to a hospital here. The others, injured only slightly, were given attention by doctors at Lucama. Officials advance the theory that the wreck was caused by a broken rail after making an investigation. The fact that none of the 250 passengers was injured seriously as the first traveling train left the track struck an embankment and bounded back to the roadbed was said to be almost miraculous by officials. All of the cars were of steel construction.

Peritonitis Fatal To Conrad D. Oakes

The death occurred at 11 o'clock last night in Edmund's hospital of Conrad David Oakes, 11-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Oakes, of near Chatham, who succumbed from peritonitis developing from appendicitis. The little boy was brought to the hospital yesterday afternoon when peritonitis already well developed. He was taken to the operating table immediately, but a condition was revealed which left virtually no hope of recovery. He gradually declined during the evening and succumbed at the hour mentioned. The body was taken to the county accompanied by a grief-stricken father who accompanied the lad to the hospital.

For Xmas Candy at Patterson's 8 R & R Wk

NO BEE ON MONDAY REGISTER AS USUAL

The Bee will suspend publication on Monday, Christmas Day. This is, therefore, the last issue until Tuesday afternoon.

The Register will not suspend publication for Christmas. There will be no issue on Monday as is customary but the Sunday morning Register will appear tomorrow and the paper will be published on Tuesday morning.

Quiet Christmas In Prospect Here

Christmas will be ushered in tomorrow with church services which will feature the Christmas spirit. There is not a church in the city which will not embrace either a Christmas sermon, Christmas music or carol singing for tomorrow is Christmas Eve.

With the vast bulk of Christmas shopping out of the way, city merchants this morning were prepared for the eleventh hour brigade and the last-minute purchases. Quite notable this year is the fact that the people of the community have done their Christmas shopping early and the final rush which has been observed for years is not anticipated. Householders for the most part have put their shopping behind them and are turning their attention to preparing for the festival. Many of them are spending busy hours in the kitchen. The Christmas shopping season has been an excellent one from a merchant's standpoint. One large drygoods merchant reports that three days ago he had the best day's business during his long career in business here. Others speak equally optimistically.

Christmas day promises to be quiet, spent here and it will be devoted largely to family reunions. The feature of the day probably be the fancy dress ball which is to be given in the Municipal Hall and which is being undertaken by G. B. Davis, Jr. The hall is being elaborately decorated. A well-known saxophone orchestra is coming here from West Virginia and there will be prizes for the prettiest costumes. It promises to be a colorful and pretty event. Some of the dancing already in evidence as to the costumes. The dance will be patronized by a number of out-of-town girls and boys. One prize will be given to the girl in the prettiest costume and one for the most original. One prize will be given to the girl who is the most original and another to the man appearing in the most comical fancy dress.

Industrial activities stopped at noon today and nearly all of the plants will remain closed for one week. City of a day from Los Vegas and Deputy Governor and Assistant Superintendent Dugan of the penitentiary after observing the suspects at breakfast in a restaurant took them into custody.

"Gimmedrink" Disease Common on Dry Ships

Dr. F. W. Knippel, surgeon on the President Garfield of the United States Lines, has discovered a new disease, which he calls "Gimmedrink."

Since the United States Lines vessels have been sailing dry, passengers come to him, complaining of all the ailments on the calendar, from headache to a wart on the elbow, and he knows to what to attribute the funny part of it is," says Dr. Knippel, "they insist upon calling me in consultation while they discuss the prescription, which is popular when it bears a Three Star label."

It's a disease all right," said the doctor yesterday. "Towards its 'Gimmedrink' instead of 'mal de mer'."

264 Republican Prisoners Freed

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
DUBLIN, Dec. 23.—Two hundred and sixty-four Republicans held prisoners in Mountjoy prison were released today, having signed a declaration of allegiance to the Free State. Four of those released were women.

WEDDING LICENSES ISSUED.

Wedding licenses have been issued by the clerk of the Corporation court to the following:

Lawrence Dawson Haywood and Marie Pearl Hines, Danville.
Morroe Evans Gardner, Clemson College, S. C., and Margaret Williams, Clemson, Danville.
Linda Wilbur Clayton and Evelyn Long, Wooddale, N. C.
Samuel Earl Elmore and Ola Ross, Hax River, N. C.
James Carley and Elizabeth Stokes, Danville.
Robert Clyde Sneed and Clarence Jane Merricks, Danville.
Levi Montemorey Carter, Princeton, N. J., and Leulla Goble, Danville.

The record in the clerk's office showed that there were fourteen fewer wedding licenses issued so far this month than last year. During the month of December, 1921, until the 23rd, 240 licenses were issued. For the same period this year, sixty-six have been issued.

J. W. Haraway's Market, 308 Crackerhead St., will be open till 9 o'clock Thursday and Friday nights and till 12 Saturday night. J. W. Haraway, 12-21 R & R Wk.



G.P. Geohegan Jr. Elected to Council

Special Meeting Held Today Sees Vacancy Created by Mr. Harrison's Resignation Filled.

The city council held a special meeting this morning at half past eleven o'clock, the main purpose being re-adoption of the amendment to the street cleaning ordinance permitting the charging of a seven-cent fare.

The meeting developed into one of importance, however, for the council elected as successor to James D. Harrison, who has resigned his position, George P. Geohegan Jr., one of the most active of Danville's younger men in civic affairs. Mr. Geohegan's name was the only one submitted to the council. At the meeting A. E. Carrington, president of the council, transferred W. E. Gardner from the Public Works committee to the Finance committee. That committee met immediately after the council meeting and Mr. Gardner was elected chairman of the Finance committee to succeed Mr. Harrison. Other members of this committee are Messrs. Carrington and Tredway.

Mr. Geohegan was appointed by the chair to the committee on public works which will within a few days meet and elect a new chairman.

Rev. T. A. Sneed, D. D., pastor of Main Street Methodist church, effected the usual invocation.

The election of Mr. Geohegan to the council was construed in places where it was discussed as further recognition to the younger element of the community which is showing increased activity in civic affairs. Early this morning it was reported that a "dark horse" candidate might appear in connection with the council election, but no such candidate was found.

It is known that J. M. Sneed was asked if he would accept the post and that he had replied by saying that he would accept the post. Until this morning it was generally believed that he would be the man to succeed Mr. Harrison.

Mr. Geohegan is a son of the late George P. Geohegan and is one of the most popular of the city's young men.

Get your Xmas Candy at Patterson's 12-18 R & R Wk

Giles Dove Dies Following Injury Sustained On Yard

Freight Wreck Near Elkwood, Va. Hit by Express Truck He Is Knocked Beneath the Wheels of Car and Lose Limbs.

People on their way home to Danville from points north to Washington will be delayed in arriving as result of a freight wreck which took place at 12:30 a. m. near Elkwood or sixty miles south of Washington. Extra Freight No. 5226 northbound was derailed there and seven cars laden with lumber were derailed, later catching fire and being totally destroyed. The cause of the accident was not learned but there had been apparently no personal injuries or deaths in the wreck. Both main lines of the Southern were badly torn up and it was noon before the line was opened. Trains were detoured by way of the C. and O. and the R. F. and P. railways so that some travelers on their way to Danville will arrive by way of Richmond.

The unusually heavy Christmas travel and bulky shipments of express is delaying all trains and they are running from three to five hours late. Train No. 35 arrived here last night with express mail coaches all heavily congested with Christmas mail. Usually the train carries one mail car.

"Y." Plays Spray Team Here Tonight

The Danville Y. M. C. A. representative team plays the Spray Y. M. C. A. team on the Municipal Hall floor tonight at 8:15 o'clock. The Spray team played the Schoolfield Y. M. C. A. last night and defeated them by a score of 31 to 25.

As the Danville "Y." team recently defeated the Schoolfield "Y." team by a score of 25 to 21, it would appear that Spray and Danville are very evenly matched and a hard fought game can be expected.

Spray has the reputation of playing clean, but hard and fast basket ball games, and as Danville's team is holding up to the same standards, a real basket ball game is in prospect for tonight.

Robs to Obey Law, Caught, Ends Life

William R. Elliott North Bergen Man, Fearing Jail for Non-Support, Tries to Hold Up Store--Trapped in Opening Safe.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Facing a jail sentence within twenty-four hours unless he paid \$24 which a court had ordered him to pay for the support of his wife and two children, Louis Dessator, thirty, of No. 172 Tonnelle avenue, North Bergen, N. J., started yesterday morning to try to raise it. Several hours later he shot and killed himself when trapped in a grocery in Jersey City, where he had failed to force the manager to open the safe.

Desperate by the knowledge of the jail sentence and the possibility of his family being sent to the poorhouse, Dessator in some way got a pistol. At 2 o'clock yesterday, when William Aschmeyer, the manager, opened the National Grocery Company store at No. 2677 Hudson Boulevard, after the luncheon hour, Dessator went in.

He took a pistol, took \$7 from his pocket, then ordered him to open the safe.

At that moment Frank Birch, employed by a local safe company, arrived to change the combination. He stepped the situation, locked the door and called the police.

Patrolman Schaefer responded from his home across the street, firing a shot to attract other police. The trapped man heard and frantically pulled at the barred window at the rear of the store.

As Patrolman Schaefer was preparing to break in two shots were heard within the store. When the police got in Dessator was dead, bullet wounds in his head and over the heart.

The police found a letter from the Jersey City Postmaster in Dessator's pocket, notifying him that an unpaid bill unless \$24 arrears was paid before noon today.

Dessator was brought to court last July by his wife, Marie, who charged non-support. He was placed under bond and ordered to pay his wife \$6 a week. He had not paid it in four weeks. The Dessator children are a boy about ten, and a girl seven, and a baby younger.

Scout Troupe 4 Dined at Hotel

The management of the Hotel Danville last evening entertained Scout Troupe No. 4, sixteen youngsters sitting down to a chicken dinner at seven o'clock. The occasion was presided over by Scoutmaster Walter Waddell, who was one of the invited guests. Following the supper the boys adjourned to the parlor where they enjoyed broadcast features received by the Bulletin's wireless plant.

Bandits Escape With Xmas Pay

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
PITTSBURGH, Pa., Dec. 23.—Five bandits today fled from a prison, paying the Pittsburgh City Commission a ransom of \$25,000 in exchange for their freedom. The bandits were held in a cell in the Allegheny County Jail, where they were kept for six months. They were released after paying the ransom. The bandits were held in a cell in the Allegheny County Jail, where they were kept for six months. They were released after paying the ransom.



Mohr Thanks God That Mrs. Brunen Was Freed By Jury

Says He Got a "Crooked Deal" and That Powell Lied From "Start to Finish."

MOUNT HOLLY, N. J., Dec. 22.—Harry C. Mohr, convicted last night as the chief conspirator in the murder of his brother-in-law John Brunen, circus man, at the same time Mrs. Doris Brunen, widow of the murdered man, was set free after a trial that lasted eight days, was noticeably depressed in his cell at the county jail here today when asked how he felt about the verdict which, unless it is upset, will cause him to end his days behind prison bars.

"My God! I'm glad that if any one has to make the sacrifice I am the one, instead of my sister," he said. "I am thankful that she has gone free. I am just as innocent as she is and I still believe I have a chance. I have not yet relinquished my faith in God. This is a terrible blow and the mental strain on me is fierce. I could not sleep all last night and don't feel very good this morning but I am hopeful."

"To me this whole case is a crooked deal and I don't understand how any jury could convict me after hearing what Judge Kaibach said in his charge. He told the jury there was not enough testimony against my sister to convict her without touching dangerous ground and he at much as told these men that it was dangerous to convict anybody on the uncorroborated testimony of a self-confessed murderer. That man Powell has lied from start to finish, but Parker has believed everything he has said and Powell has put it over."

"Twice I saved John Brunen's life, once at Pittsburgh and once at Danville, Pa. At Pittsburgh he was having a dispute with a fellow who drew a gun. The other fellow would have had first pull on the trigger but I stepped in and grabbed him, figuring that Brunen would not shoot while I was between him and the fellow."

"I was generally around with Brunen when he was making money settlements, as he was hot-headed and needed some one to keep him from doing harm. This year on my wrist I got at Danville when I saved Brunen's life. An Indian connected with the show pulled a knife and grabbed him. He made a quick turn to get away and the knife caught me on the wrist and severed an artery. After all this they say I helped to kill John Brunen. That is what I get for risking my own life."

The real murderer, Charles M. Powell, said the verdict was just as he expected. He complained of his head hurting him today, due to thinking and being in jail.

RESIGNS BANK CHARGE

J. H. Wilkinson for the past seven years as a director of the American National Bank has tendered his resignation to the board of directors effective January 1st. Mr. Wilkinson started as bank runner and was promoted to succeeding posts being receiving teller at the time of his resignation.

Miss Virginia Talley, a student of Ferrum Training School, arrived here for the Christmas holidays accompanied by her guest, Miss Ada Duncan, of Richmond, and also a Ferrum student.

Bootleggers Print Their Price Cards In Washington

(BY GEORGE H. MANNING)
(Washington Correspondent Of The Danville Bee.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 23.—Following the Governor's conference here Tuesday on enforcement of the prohibition laws, the national capital is well supplied with its Christmas booze. It is learned from bootleggers and customers able to speak with authority, and the price is very reasonable.

Bootleggers printed price lists being circulated among old customers and prospective new ones, offer a variety of liquors of all kinds ranging from imported Champagne to domestic corn, at prices that show a drop of about 25 a case from those prevailing last Christmas.

One of these printed price lists furnished old customers today reads: Mumms Extra Dry, Moot and Condon and Cligout imported Champagne, \$130 a case.

Benedictine, London bottling, \$120 a case.

Martell and Hennessy brandies (three stars) \$110.

Black and White, Johnny Walker, Haig and Haig, John Haig, and Dewar Scotch whiskeys, \$115 a case.

Sherwood, Mt. Vernon, Canton, Pikeville and Hunter rye whiskeys, bottled in bond, single cases \$120; ten case lots, \$110 a case.

Imported Sherry and Port wines, \$60 a case.

Gordon Gin, (London bottling) \$60 a case.

Old Tom Gin, imported, \$100 a case.

Dunville Irish Whiskey, imperial size, \$115 a case.

Vermouth (Italian and French) \$100 a case.

Corn whiskey, all ages, \$75 to \$100 a case.

The bootleggers who have been selling corn whiskey principally all day have within the past ten days plumed out as importers of the choicest brands of Ye Olden Days.

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"Love Book" Key to Murder

BY ROY J. GIBBONS
(Special to The Bee.)

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—A little red "love book" scribbled closely with intimate memoranda about his hundred affairs is the only clue on which police base their hope to solve the mysterious murder of a man who revealed in the title of "sheik."

By that name Fred W. Keetch was known to denizens of the underworld and jazz palaces of this city's white light district.

The body of Keetch, stiff and cold, with a bullet through his heart, was found lying face upward in a dismal little second-hand store—the victim of a midnight murder.

The slayer—a woman, police believe—had fled.

Police turned to the "love book."

It contained passages like these:

"Mabel. Call. Address. Home on Monday and Friday nights. Blind. Can sing. Good for dress parties."

"Evelyn. Divorce. No phone. Has a dog. Can make you laugh."

"Grace. Husband on the road. Has private stock of her own. Will go out at any time, night or day."

"Dolly. Call. Address. Good dancer. Needs lots of coin."

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FRED W. KEETCH.

Bodies of Victims Of Masked Men Guarded By Troops

Mutilated Bodies of Two Men Recovered From Lake Are Further Identified as Men Who Were Kidnapped by Robbed Figures.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

NEW ROCHESTER, La., Dec. 23.—The wire-bound mutilated bodies of two men recovered yesterday on Lake Fourche by state troops, believed to be those of W. Daniel and Thomas Richards, who disappeared after being kidnapped by masked and white-robed men last August, were further identified this morning when viewed by Richards' widow, J. L. Daniels.

The bodies are lying in the Masonic Temple where they are being guarded by a detachment of Monroe national guard. The guards are armed with automatic rifles and were instructed by Captain Cooper to shoot persons who may attempt to spit away the bodies. The incident probably will be held late this afternoon, according to a message received this morning from Dr. Fred Peterson, Morehouse Parish coroner, who returned today to Bastrop.

Dr. Peterson said no effort had yet been made to officially identify the bodies. He said he was awaiting instructions from the attorney general as to how to proceed. A special train, carrying two companies of national guard troops ordered yesterday by the adjutant-general for duty in Morehouse Parish to relieve the Monroe company now on duty here, passed through Monroe at 7:25 this morning and was due to arrive here before noon. A baggage car and caboose were loaded with machine guns, rifles and field equipment. Attorney-General J. A. C. Chen and two eminent pathologists, Dr. J. C. Chen and Dr. J. C. Chen, accompanied the troops.

Enough Arms In Europe To Start Another Conflict

PARIS, Dec. 22.—The fact that there is still a large underground trade in munitions of war throughout Europe has been disclosed through the recent charges of British newspapers that the French government had supplied the Turkish Nationalist army with the wherewithal to defeat the Greeks, and possibly to defeat the British in the vicinity of Constantinople.

Information reaching Paris is believed to disprove this broadcast statement against the French. On the contrary it is affirmed that no small part of the Turkish military supplies was obtained in London through a firm partly British, and certainly with no Turkish sympathies.

When Ismet Pasha, head of the Turkish peace delegation at Lausanne and organizer of the main Turkish army, was in London, he said: "My war materials were obtained from American, British, Italian, French, Greek, and Russian sources; I played no favorites."

"Much of it came from the Greeks themselves," Ismet Pasha continued. "I waited until I had a good supply on hand, collected by agents ready for a general drive against the Greek in August. Like the American officers at Bunker Hill, I instructed my artillery and infantry officers to wait until they saw the whites of the eyes of the enemy, and then to shoot. When the Greeks began to retreat, we got the very large stores they had collected. We are going to use them for some very fine field guns, made in England."

"There does not seem to be much sentiment in this business of furnishing munitions to countries anxious to fight each other. The dealers will sell to all comers so long as cash is paid on delivery. There is a firm operating in Holland that will sell any kind of gun in any quantity and deliver it on the high seas if ports are closed. Plans are being made to send Trieste, at the head of the Adriatic, has become notorious as a place to buy war munitions. There are other agents for war goods located in Alexandria, in Constantinople, in various places in the Balkans, and in Paris, places in the most successful sellers of war goods is a German firm the members of which were once connected with Krupp. They will supply anything sold for, including French munitions. Much of the material being sold is new. Twenty-six factories are said to be working in Russia, and war material may soon become Russian chief exports."

"The general war left, not only the United States, but each of the nations of Europe with large supplies on hand, which were sold for a song. These supplies slowly have been hoarding hands. Italian, distributed to all corners large numbers of guns and cannon captured from the Austrians, the total value of which in 1918 reached possibly a billion dollars, and the post war value of which was possibly a million or so."

"American travelers in Yugoslavia have been mystified at seeing what appeared to be American soldiers looting about the railway stations. They were, however, wearing the American uniforms, sold cheaply by the United States and resold to the Yugoslav government."

"One of the standard propaganda charges made by the Greeks against the Turks, and conversely by the Turks against the Greeks, was that the enemy was wearing American uniforms as a ruse to penetrate lines without being fired on. The recent charges were similar cases of ruse."

"The government of Europe seem to have taken little notice of this contraband. During the various portions of the British occupation of Constantinople, British agents are said to have sold to the Turkish Nationalists either discarded British war material, or else Turkish war material that had been captured by the British."

"At one time there was a large quantity of war material at Constantinople, with the keys of the storehouses in the hands of an Allied commission which had orders to destroy it. This commission apparently failed to do, and somehow the storehouses were gradually emptied."

"Small wars and revolutions have been so frequent in Europe, since the close of the great war, that the average citizen no longer attempts even to remember them. A war went on in China for two years, almost unnoted. Poles were opposed to Ukrainians, and the two men were engaged. Each side bought supplies wherever they were for sale, notably in this case in Vienna and Budapest. Then there have been new crises to equip in Yugoslavia, Czechoslovakia, and Rumania. Serbia recently voted \$15,000,000 for armaments Russia has used up enormous quantities of material during her various wars and revolutions since 1917."

"Not a little of Europe's cast-off arms has gone to Egypt, to Syria, to Arabia, to Persia, and to the numerous lands beyond the Caspian. The Afghans, among others, have equipped an important army. Portugal and Spain, in particular, have had their share. Dealers in Europe have made shipments to the warring revolutionaries of China."

FIGHT IS SLIGHT

DUBLIN, Dec. 22.—There was considerable street fighting in Dublin to night. A patrol of national soldiers who attacked in the midst of Christmas shopping crowds. One soldier was killed and another soldier and a woman were wounded.

The government buildings were attacked by rifle fire which the combatants returned.

Letters to Santa Claus



Dear Santa Claus:

Please bring me a doll and a carriage and a pair of shoes for the doll and some candy and nuts. A lot of silk handkerchiefs and a pair of kid gloves. That is all, for you have to go some place else.

Your friend,
THELMA NOBBLET.

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little girl 10 years of age. I want you to bring me a sewing basket, a doll, a doll carriage, a tea set, your little friend.

KATHRYN MARY WIREN.

Dear Santa:

I am a little girl six years old and I want you to bring me a doll and a carriage and a pair of shoes for the doll and some candy and nuts.

Your friend,
HELEN GRAVELLY.

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little boy nine years old. I want you to bring me a watch, a knife, a pair of skates, an art desk, some games, some story books, a football, and some confectionery, and please do not forget other little boys and girls.

Yours very truly,
JAMES ADAMS.

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little girl 11 years old and I want you to bring me a pair of kid gloves and a pair of shoes for the doll and a pair of shoes for me. I have two, but do not forget my two little brothers and two little cousins Jack and Eva.

SEBASTIAN VINCENT.

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little girl four years old and I want you to bring me a lot of toys and candy, nuts, apples, oranges and all kinds of fruit.

CONWAY VINCENT.

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little girl eight years old. I want you to bring me a writing desk and a bracelet and a new pair of shoes. I have a little sister, she is only two, and I want you to bring her a kite and a little doll. Please bring me some candy and nuts, oranges and apples.

From your little friend,
ZERA G. YOUNG.

P. S.—Bring me a big pretty doll that can open and close her eyes and a little bed for it. Please bring Dorothy a pretty doll and a little bed.

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little boy seven years old. I go to Belvue school. I am in the third grade. I want you to bring me a scouter and some fire works and some sparklers and some nuts, some apples and some candy, and some grapes and some sugar plums and I have a brother and two sisters.

By Santa,
CARL JOHNSON.

Dear Santa Claus:

I will write and tell you what I want you to bring me. Please bring me a big doll and a big doll bed that will be all the toys I want this time. But please don't forget to bring me some nuts, candy, oranges and up.

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little girl seven years old and in the third grade at school. I will tell you what I want you to bring me. I want a bicycle, a show clown, a drum, and any thing else like you. I have a little sister and brother. Don't forget them. Please bring a toy phonograph for all of us. And some nuts and fruit.

Your little friend,
WOODWARD YEATTS.

Dear Santa Claus:

Please bring me a phone, some over shoes, candy, nuts, sugar plums, oranges and anything else you can spare. I want a bicycle, a show clown, a drum, and any thing else like you. I have a little sister and brother. Don't forget them. Please bring a toy phonograph for all of us. And some nuts and fruit.

DENNIS GARLAND REYNOLDS
P. S. We will go to sleep early.
Callands, Va., R. F. D.

Dear Santa Claus:

Please bring me a big doll baby, a bed for it, some over shoes, plenty of good candy, nuts, oranges, sugar plums and a little piano if you can. I want a bicycle, a show clown, a drum, and any thing else like you. I have a little sister and brother. Don't forget them. Please bring a toy phonograph for all of us. And some nuts and fruit.

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Would Abolish West Virginia Liquor Squad

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Dec. 22.—An effort to abolish the State prohibition Department will be made when the Legislature meets in January, according to current reports here. The effort will originate in the House of Representatives, which is Republican. What will be the attitude of the upper chamber, which is Democratic, is uncertain.

That the prohibition Department is a needless expense to the taxpayers will be contended by those favoring the move. Democratic candidates for the Legislature, in their pre-election campaign, pledged themselves to reduce taxes if put into office. The Department of Prohibition formerly was housed in the Tax Commissioner's office, but the last Legislature, which was Republican in both branches, made it a separate department. At G. Brown, incumbent, was appointed its first head.

Supporters of the abolition move want the enforcement of the prohibition law placed back in the hands of State and county officers. Enforcement can be effectively accomplished, they say, if it is contended, since the State police have been reorganized and enlarged under act of the last Legislature. The burden of dry law enforcement has fallen from the State police anyway, it is declared, and they, with the cooperation of county authorities, are capable of discharging the duty as effectively as can be done by the present prohibition Department.

Should additional forces be necessary an effort will be made to divert the appropriation for the prohibition Department to the Department of Public Safety, under which the State police operate.

Any move to abolish the department or reduce its appropriation will be bitterly fought by the Anti-Saloon League, of which Rev. D. M. Pullen is the head.

SAYS HAYS HAS MADE BIG ERROR IN "EATY" CASE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—The national Catholic Welfare council acting on the decision of the motion picture bureau will call upon its affiliated organizations of Catholic men and women to "prevent the showing of Arduelle films." Charles A. MacMahon, director of the bureau said in a statement today. Mr. MacMahon who is also a member of the executive committee of public relations organized by Will H. Hays as president of the National Association of Motion Picture producers and distributors said the bureau "condemned" Mr. Hays' reinstatement of Robert C. Arbuckle as a screen actor, adding: "I feel that Mr. Hays has misjudged the temper of the American people if he thinks they will agree with his action in the Arbuckle case."

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BUSINESS SHOWS IMPROVEMENT IN MONTH OF NOV.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Business conditions during November showed increases in both production and distribution, according to a statement tonight by the Department of Commerce. Mill consumption of cotton for November totaled 577,561 bales, the largest for any month since July, 1917, according to department records. Exports of cotton also increased to 558,327 bales or approximately 8 per cent of the entire crop.

Increases were reported in the production of iron, steel, iron, zinc, and coal and in leather. A slight decline in the unfilled orders of the United States Steel Corporation was attributed largely to increased production and better competition. Prices, both wholesale and retail, rose slightly in November, according to the department's review, which mentioned as a significant movement the increase in the price of farm products together with the improvement in relative purchasing power.

There appeared to be little change in European business conditions. A study of several of the countries, however, was regarded by the Department as a favorable factor. Shipping conditions were reported fairly active in the maritime countries abroad. Department reports from Brazil announced a proposed change in that country's subsidy to the printing paper manufacturers. The present subsidy, it is planned, will be succeeded by a program including government to the first company to organize for the manufacture of such paper. The loan is not to exceed 50 per cent of the value of the plant.

LAUNCH PICKED UP

SAVANNAH, Ga., Dec. 22.—A message picked up by a radio station here says that the Steamship Bethel was picked up by a gasoline launch from number 1, P. 352 one hundred and fifty miles off Savannah. Records on board indicate that the launch left Savannah, N. C., December 13.

It was later learned that the launch's name was The Osprey and that it was licensed at Philadelphia.

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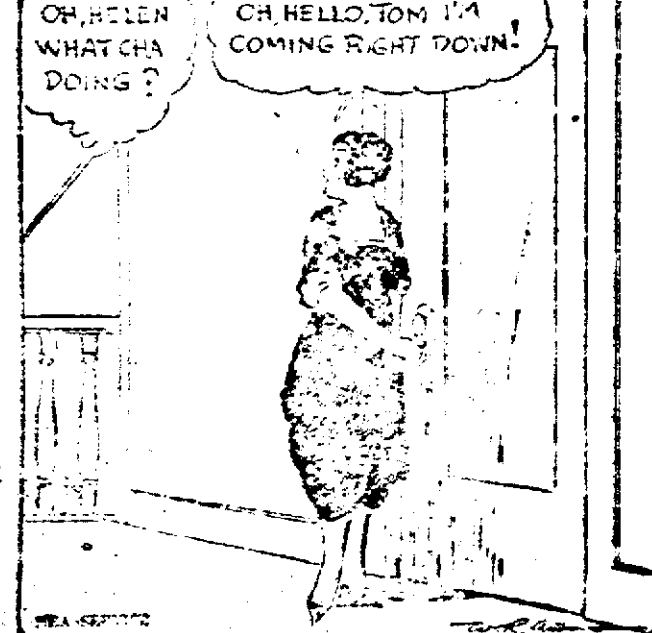
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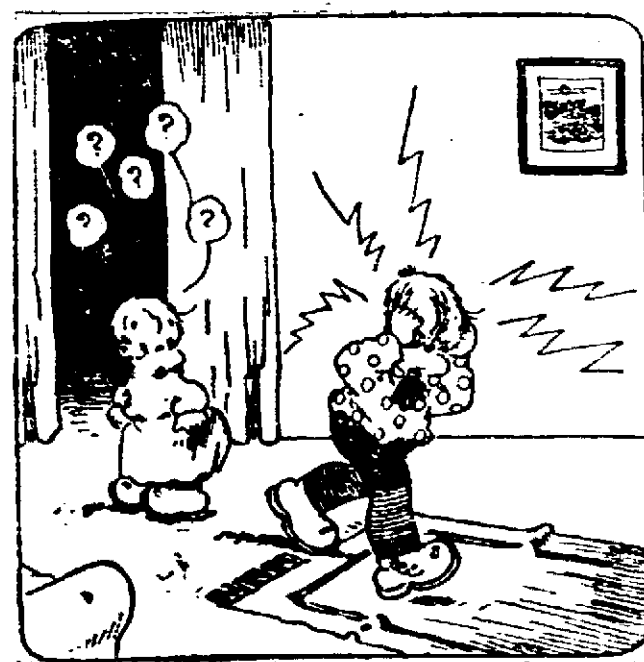
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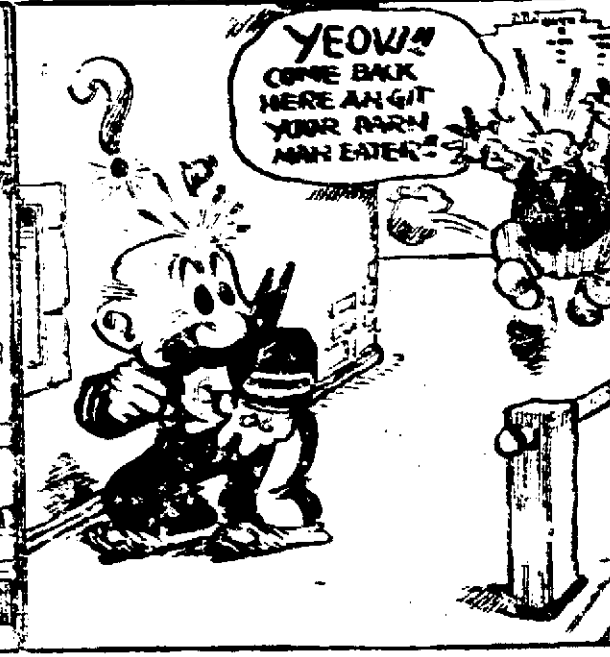
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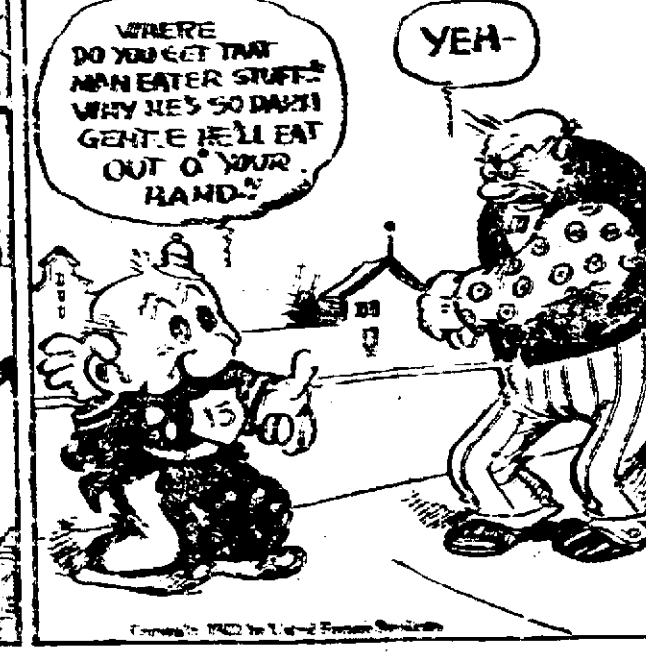
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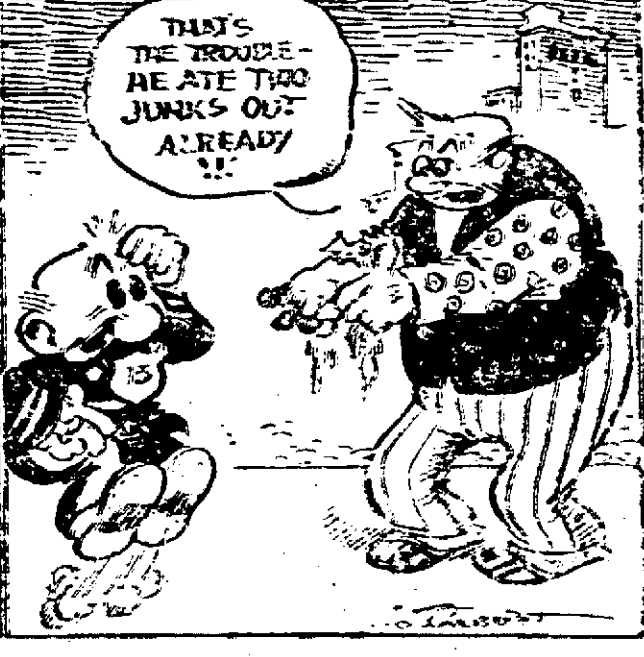
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Wonders of Radio Seen At Exposition

Amateur Receiving Sets One Feature of the Exhibits at Grand Central Palace.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—A radio home de luxe, something to the enthusiast the possibilities of bringing the world to him and amateur receiving sets made by young America and a receiving set so large that a man may easily walk about the huge cabinet are among the many features of the American Radio Exposition which opened last night in the Grand Central Palace. The exposition, of which former Postmaster General Frank H. Hitchcock is President, will continue afternoons and evenings Sunday excepted, until Dec. 30.

The ingenuity of amateur radio enthusiasts was never more demonstrated than in the exhibit of home-made receiving sets. A receiving set contained in an ordinary bill folder which has a receiving range of thirty miles is being shown by Irving Weiss, a fifteen-year-old boy, of 847 Hants Point Road, the Bronx. Other sets which are entered in the competition for prizes are contained in cigar boxes, reading lamps, suit cases and dinner pails. Many of the amateur sets display an excellence of work-

Dennis F. Keel,

D. D. S.

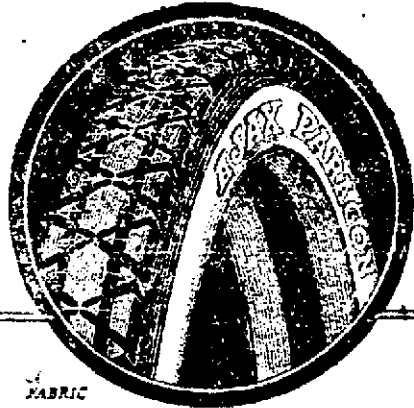
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Alimony For Men, Urge Women

(Special to The Bee.)
NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Alimony for
men!

Women may soon be paying it be-
cause of some of their leaders be-
come more popular.

"Why not?" asks Alta Estes Mun-
ger, national organizer and executive
secretary of New York City commit-
tee of the National Woman's Party.
"There was never anything sentiment-
al about alimony. It was designed
merely to keep a divorced person
from becoming a charge of the state.

"In the middle ages it was always
the woman who was in danger of be-
coming the charge. But nowadays
a woman is self-supporting. And if
she divorces a husband who is a pa-
tient, for instance, it behooves her to
pay his alimony.

"Physical disability is the only ex-
cuse for any person—man or woman
—accepting alimony.

"Any woman who is healthy, abet-
tled and unemancipated with the
care of young children, should be
ashamed to compel a man to carry
her about like a sack of meal."

Not Easy for the Woman.
But Mrs. Charles Tiffany, chairman
of the Borough of Manhattan League
of Women Voters, is not quite as hard
on the women.

"It is not possible," she says, "for
a woman who has been married a
number of years to plunge immedi-
ately into business and become self-
supporting.

"Frequently she has given the best
years of her life to her home. For
those years she is entitled to some
recompense."

"I would interpret that recompense
in terms of alimony."

Each woman has assumed, of
course, that the newly-freed husband
cheerfully accepts his post-marital
obligations, outlined in the conclud-
ing instructions of the divorce court
judge.

But a sadder view is taken by Eu-
gene A. Johnson, warden, who for
three years has presided over the dis-
cussions of the famous Ludlow Street
Jail alimony club, where those who
would rather stay in jail than pay
alimony serve their sentences.

"I've seen them come," says John-
son, "as many as 20 at a time. Some-
times I look at them and say, 'but they
say to myself: Well, a woman has
put them there and she doubtless has
a reason for doing it. These women have
no respect.'"



MRS. ALTA ESTES MUNGER, who believes in alimony for
men. Below: Mrs. Charles Tiffany (right) and Eu-
gene A. Johnson.

Keep Up Hope

EAST WOBURN, Mass., Dec. 22.—

This will be the happiest Christ-
mas ever spent by Mrs. Albert Knowl-
ton. The odd, circular little house,
where she lives in this little village,
will be the scene of her first real hap-
py Yuletide in three decades.

She has her baby once more.

Sickness overtook Mrs. Knowlton,
20 years ago. She left her two ba-
bies at home in Portland, Me., in care
of her husband while she went to her
mother for treatment.

When she returned, both babies
were gone, turned over to an orphan-
age. Both had been adopted from it.

Franklin search restored one child.
No trace, though, was found of the
youngest. Through the years, other
children were born to her, but the
mother's heart yearned for the lost
one. But with the yearning was an
enduring faith that some day, some-
how, God would restore the missing
child in his own time.

Never faltering, never losing and
opportunities to seek tidings, Mrs.
Knowlton consulted a medium this
fall. The medium advised her to put
an advertisement in a certain news-
paper. That was in October. A few
days later, a reply came from Mrs.
Herman J. Muese, Richmond, Me.

Checking up of Mrs. Muese's adop-
tion papers proved her the long-
sought baby of Mrs. Knowlton.

And now that a faith that endured
30 years of discouragement and grief
has finally been rewarded, Mrs.
Knowlton wants the world to know
that hope and faith should spring
anew in each burdened heart at
Christmas time.



MRS. ALBERT L. KNOWLTON
(ABOVE) AND MRS. HERMAN J.
MUESE, THE DAUGHTER RE-
STORED TO HER AFTER 30
YEARS.

AWKWARD AGE VANISHES



ONCE there was what was known
as the "awkward" for growing
girls.

It was a period of physical lanki-
ness and mental distress.
The awkward age, the awkward
decided to eliminate this age with

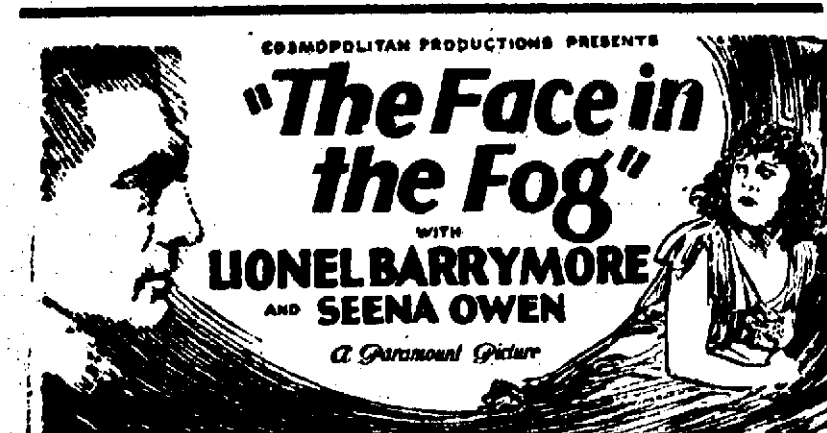
pretty clothes. Such is the explana-
tion of the attractiveness of the mod-
ern young girl's raiment.

Here are three of this winter's
models, featuring side pleats, panel
front and the V-shaped neck. Wool
crepe, w. ch. crepe and tulle are the
materials used.

DIVIDEND OF 900 PER CENT. MADE

DENVER, Colo., Dec. 22.—The Den-
ver Dry Goods Company, one of the
largest retail mercantile houses of
the city, today announced a stock
dividend of 900 per cent., in creasing
its capital stock from \$500,000 to
\$5,000,000. Hugh McWhirter, vice
president and general manager, who
made the announcement, declared it
was the first adjustment of capital
account to reinvestment since 1901
and that since that time the business
of the firm has grown from annual
sales of \$1,500,000 to more than
\$10,000,000.

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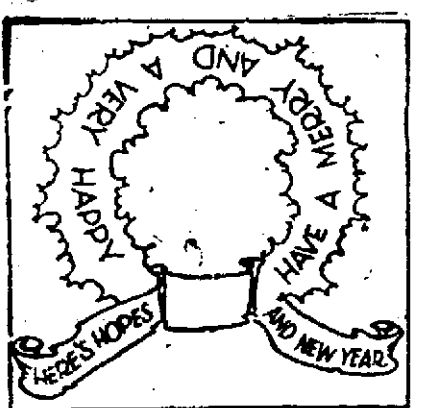
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A PUZZLE A DAY

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Fill in the dots in the diamond
shown above, so that you will have
four words that read alike from left
to right and from top to bottom, just
as the word "Diamond" does.

Yesterday's answer:
When the storekeeper sold a pair
of shoes for five dollars, he received
a twenty-dollar bill. This was chang-
ed by another merchant, and the
storekeeper gave the shoes and fifteen
dollars to the purchaser. When the
bill proved to be counterfeit, and the
storekeeper was forced to give the
merchandise twenty dollars, the store-
keeper's total loss was fifteen dollars
and a pair of shoes. The fact that
another person changed the counter-
feit bill does not increase the store-
keeper's loss, as he received twenty
good dollars from the merchant when
the bill was changed.

CHRISTMAS PUZZLE—
In the holy wreath shown above,
there is a word missing from the
blank space. Find the missing word,
and insert it, so that beginning at 1,
you can read the sentence right



around the wreath to 2. As the miss-
ing word is the connecting link, it will
have to be a word that can appear
twice.

Solution: The missing word in the
holy wreath is "yule" ("you'll").
Thus the sentence can be read as a
merry and a very happy Yule and New
Year.

FELICITOUS OCCASION
SYRACUSE, N. Y., Dec. 22.—Police
answering a riot call to No. 617 Har-
rison street found only Mrs. John Hall
and Harry Sperry celebrating.
"What's the idea?" demanded the
coppers.
"I've just buried my husband," ex-
plained Mrs. Hall.
The officers retreated.

AGED NEGRO DIES
PARIS, Texas, Dec. 22.—John Dun-
ham, negro, who claimed to be 101

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